

Senate Bill 99

By: Senators Harper of the 7th, Mullis of the 53rd, Lucas of the 26th, Karinshak of the 48th, Jones of the 25th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 issuance and sale of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, so as to provide that applications
3 processed through the Department of Natural Resources' online licensing system allow
4 applicants to make an anatomical gift; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for
5 education regarding anatomical gifts; to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to
6 share donor information with organ procurement organizations; to provide for applicability;
7 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 27-2-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the issuance and
11 sale of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, is amended by adding a new subsection to read
12 as follows:

13 (e)(1) The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of this state to encourage
14 improved public education and awareness regarding anatomical gifts of human organs
15 and tissues and to address the ever-increasing need for donations of anatomical gifts for
16 the benefit of the citizens of Georgia.

17 (2) Whenever any person applies for or requests the issuance or renewal of any hunting,
18 fishng, or trapping license through the department's online licensing system, excluding
19 those requested through license agents, the department shall allow the applicant to make
20 an anatomical gift pursuant to Article 6 of Chapter 5 of Title 44, the 'Georgia Revised
21 Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.' The department shall not be required to keep the physical
22 record of the donor's application once it has entered the information into the online
23 system and issued the license in order for the anatomical gift to be valid.

24 (3) The department website shall provide links to organ procurement websites and
25 provide information describing anatomical gifts, along with the need for and benefits of
26 anatomical gifts.

27 (4) The department, with the consent of the applicant, shall make available to organ
28 procurement organizations or secure data centers maintained and managed at the
29 direction of such organizations information as provided for in Article 6 of Chapter 5 of
30 Title 44, the 'Georgia Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act,' including the name, license
31 number, date of birth, gender, and most recent address of any person eligible pursuant to
32 such Act who obtains a fishing, hunting, or trapping license and who indicates such
33 person's desire to be an organ donor; provided, however, that the information shall be
34 made available only to an organ procurement organization or secure data center if such
35 organization or center has sufficient funds to reimburse the department for reasonable
36 costs associated with the application process and providing such information. Information
37 so obtained by such organizations and centers shall be used for a state-wide organ donor
38 registry accessible to organ tissue and eye banks authorized to function as such in this
39 state and shall not be further disseminated."

SECTION 2.

41 This Act shall be applicable to all licenses issued on or after July 1, 2019.

SECTION 3.

43 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.